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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Application Number 10/750.577 REQUEST **FOR** December 29, 2003 Filing Date CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) First Named Inventor Eric Zimmermann TRANSMITTAL Address to: Art Unit. 3634 Commissioner of Patents Examiner Name G. Strimbu MAIL STOP RCE P.0. Box 1450 Attorney Docket Number ZIMMERMANN 1 PCT US Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. 1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114] a. [] Previously submitted i. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____ iii. [] Other _ b. [X] Enclosed iii. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) i. [] Amendment/Reply
ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. | Other_ 2. [Miscellaneous] a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) b. [] Other ___ 3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468

i. [] RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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